The damages claimed/amount awarded in respect of different parties are as under:—

| Name of Importers | Value in US Dollars |
|---|---|
| A. *In respect of Groundnut* : | |
| 1. M/s. Alimental SA, Geneva | 1,85,41,430.00 |
| 2. M/s. UPI, Yugoslavia | 9,24,685.00 |
| B *In respect of spices* : | |
| 1. M/s. Otto Gerdau & Co. | 8,000.00 |
| 2. M/s. Wolf GMBH, W. Germany | 14,910.00 |
| 3. M/s. Reckit Colman | 4,600.00 |
| 4. M/s. Coronet Trading Co., New York | 11,611.18 |
| 5. M/s. B.C. Ireland, New York | 5,380.00 |
| 6 M/s. Louis Furth, New York | 12,860.31 |
| TOTAL A & B : | 1,95,23,476 49 |

While in case of serial No. 1 no award has been given in respect of other seven parties the amount has been awarded but not accepted by NAFED.

The legal fees paid to foreign solicitors amounted to pounds' Sterling 17,976.

The amount paid to the Indian Advocate, Shri V. P. Singh for his maintenance in UK and USA in foreign currency amounted to US Dollars 8,225/- during 1983-84 to 1986-87.

The Indian Advocate, Shri V. P. Singh was not a Director of NAFED during the period he undertook visits abroad to represent NAFED in these matters.

**Promotion of Rural Development**

*167. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have urged the States to adopt new strategies and policy initiatives to promote rural development;

(b) if so, the details of the guidelines issued in this regard;

(c) whether any time bound programme has been evolved for its speedy implementation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) Under Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) which is a major poverty alleviation programme, the State Governments have been advised to adopt new and innovative

implementation strategies, with a view to improve the quality of the programme.

(b) Recognising the shift in the trend from activities under primary sector to activities under secondary and tertiary sectors amongst Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) beneficiaries as well as the need to consolidate it, the role of rural industrialisation and linking of TRYSEM with industrial opportunities has been emphasised. The elements of new strategy include:—

(i) setting up of resource base industries such as fruit and food processing units and the development of horticulture, vegetable growing, prawn and fish farming, tea cultivation etc. through IRDP loaning;

(ii) identification of strong purveyours of demand in the public sector and to encourage supply against such demand from production groups, set-up under Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) for items like uniform required for defence and police personnel or school children and items required for Operation Blackboard, Operation Flood-III and nursery raising for social forestry etc.;

(iii) off-loading of certain lines of production with high labour content to rural production groups to be set up with IRDP beneficiaries through suitable fiscal and financial measures;

(iv) encouragement for setting up of Small Scale Industries in Rural Growth Centres.

(c) and (d) Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) is an ongoing programme being implemented by the State Governments. The implementing agencies i.e. the State Governments, have been urged to diversify from predominantly primary sector activities with clearly identified backward and forward linkages.

**Damage in flood protected areas**

*168. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether out of about 3.5 crore hectares of flood-prone areas in India, about 1.3 crore hectares have been provided with long-term measures of protection; if so, whether in the year 1986-87 there has been damage due to floods in such protected areas; and

(b) if so, what was the extent of such damage and the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir; in some protected areas.

(b) Such information is not available. The reasons for such damages are *inter-alia* occurrence of unprecedented floods, increased economic activities and constructions in the flood prone areas and lack of proper maintenance of protection works.

**Enquiry against former Chairman of FCI**

*171. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CBI had registered a case against former Chairman of Food Corporation of India, New Delhi, for the tenders floated by the FCI for the purchase of Dal recently;

(b) whether the CBI has since completed its enquiry and if so, the details of its report and whether any action has been taken against him; and